

## Officer Decision pursuant to Scheme of Delegation, Part 8

Tony Singh, Chief Highway Engineer

Pursuant to sections 6, 122 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the "Act")

**Title:** School Street for Orchard House

**Reference Number:**

- Orchard House School P041-25

**Objection period:** 9 July to 30 July 2025

### Background

Ealing Council proposed to implement a number of School Streets (time-limited pedestrian and cycle zone) in various locations within the borough to help provide a low traffic area at school opening and closing times only, making it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use the road space.

A Traffic Management Order (TMO) formal consultation and notice of proposals was published in the Ealing Gazette and The Gazette (official public record), and erected on posts/lamp columns at the proposed location on 9 July for 21 days.

### Summary of Comments / Objections

We received 25 responses to the notice for Orchard House School, 24 were objections.

A summary of the issues raised is as follows along with the Council's responses to them.

Objection	Officer's response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unnecessary Restrictions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• appropriate to implement schemes that improve the environment for pupils travelling actively to school</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excessive Cost for Limited Benefit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• far reaching benefits to School Streets including improved safety and health</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unfair Impact on Residents</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• will be minimal due to the limited operational times of the scheme</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk of Unintentional Fines</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• signs, including advance warning signs, will clearly show the scheme times.</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Problem to Solve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>children's safety is an issue at most school gates, in particular with increased traffic around them at the start and end of the school day.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic flow/displaced traffic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>displaced traffic and parking have not been a significant issue at School Street locations we have monitored. We believe, once the School Street has bedded in, it won't cause these problems in the local area during its operational hours</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent traffic incident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>took place on a Saturday afternoon and did not involve a child. Collision data shows there are no collisions recorded for that roundabout and junction in the last 3 years.</li> </ul>

### Legal Implications

The council has powers to implement on street waiting restrictions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (including sections 6, 9, 122, and 124 in particular).

The relevant procedures are set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

In exercising these powers, section 122(1) of the Act imposes a duty on the council to have regard (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in subsection (2) to securing the 'expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway'. Subsection (2) also includes 'the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises and 'any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.

### Concluding Statements of Officer

Officers have duly considered all comments and suggestions.

I have considered the comments and objections to the proposal and on the basis of the council's powers and duties outlined above, I am satisfied that the decision to proceed with the implementation of the School Street is correct.

On this basis I authorise the implementation of the scheme and the making of the TMOs for this Ealing School Street scheme.

**Service:** Highways

**Name:** Tony Singh

**Designation:** Chief Highway Engineer

Signature:

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